

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 1. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method for servicing client
 2 requests, comprising:
 3 receiving multiple associated client requests;
 4 in response to each of said associated client requests:
 5 invoking an application;
 6 ~~determining~~selecting, based upon said application, and from among two or
 7 more session managers, a particular session manager to associate
 8 with said application; and
 9 invoking said particular session manager to manage state information for
 10 said application across said multiple associated client requests.

1 2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said particular
 2 session manager is invoked via a programming interface.

1 3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said programming
 2 interface comprises a definition of an abstract class, and wherein said particular session
 3 manager is a subclass of said abstract class.

1 4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said particular
 2 session manager comprises an implementation for each method defined for said abstract
 3 class, and wherein said particular session manager is invoked by invoking a particular
 4 method implementation provided by said particular session manager.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said associated client requests
 2 are associated with each other by way of a session ID.

1 6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~determining~~selecting
2 at the particular session manager to associate with said application comprises:
3 accessing a set of configuration information which specifies which one of said two
4 or more session managers to associate with said application.

1 7. (Currently amended) An apparatus for servicing client requests,
2 comprising:
3 a mechanism for receiving multiple associated client requests; and
4 a mechanism for responding to each of said associated client requests by:
5 invoking an application;
6 ~~determining~~selecting, based upon said application, and from among two or
7 more session managers, a particular session manager to associate
8 with said application; and
9 invoking said particular session manager to manage state information for
10 said application across said multiple associated client requests.

1 8. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said apparatus
2 further comprises a programming interface, and wherein said particular session manager
3 is invoked via said programming interface.

1 9. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said programming
2 interface comprises a definition of an abstract class, and wherein said particular session
3 manager is a subclass of said abstract class.

1 10. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said particular
2 session manager comprises an implementation for each method defined for said abstract
3 class, and wherein said particular session manager is invoked by invoking a particular
4 method implementation provided by said particular session manager.

1 11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said associated client
2 requests are associated with each other by way of a session ID.

1 12. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein
2 ~~determining~~selecting a the particular session manager to associate with said application
3 comprises:
4 accessing a set of configuration information which specifies which one of said two
5 or more session managers to associate with said application.

1 13. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having stored thereon
2 instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more
3 processors to service client requests, said computer readable medium comprising:
4 instructions for causing one or more processors to receive multiple associated
5 client requests; and
6 instructions for causing one or more processors to respond to each of said
7 associated client requests by:
8 invoking an application;
9 ~~determining~~selecting, based upon said application, and from among two or
10 more session managers, a particular session manager to associate
11 with said application; and

12 invoking said particular session manager to manage state
13 information for said application across said multiple
14 associated client requests.

1 14. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein
2 said particular session manager is invoked via a programming interface.

1 15. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 14, wherein
2 said programming interface comprises a definition of an abstract class, and wherein said
3 particular session manager is a subclass of said abstract class.

1 16. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 15, wherein
2 said particular session manager comprises an implementation for each method defined for
3 said abstract class, and wherein said particular session manager is invoked by invoking a
4 particular method implementation provided by said session manager.

1 17. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein said
2 associated client requests are associated with each other by way of a session ID.

1 18. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein
2 ~~determining~~selecting a the particular session manager to associate with said application
3 comprises:
4 accessing a set of configuration information which specifies which one of said two
5 or more session managers to associate with said application.